GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has inspected all the aircraft of Alliance Air after the crash of an aircraft at Patna;

(b) if so, whether any technical opinion has been sought from Boeing and other manufacturers of the planes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the aircraft manufacturers have certified the technical proficiency of their planes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): All the Boeing 737-200 aircraft of Alliance Air are regularly inspected as per the approved maintenance programme by certified engineers of the airlines. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) carries out supervision of the prescribed norms of requirements of airworthiness. Air Marshal Rajkumar Committee which was set up by the Government to investigate the causes of the aforesaid crash suggested need to further strengthen the maintenance practices, and concluded that the cause of the accident was due to loss of control of the aircraft due to human error and the inquiry also determined that the aircraft was fully airworthy and was properly maintained. After the crash of Boeing 737 aircraft of Alliance Air in Patna in July, 2000, the systems of maintenance of Alliance Air were further upgraded.

(b) and (c): The maintenance schedules and the periodicity of maintenance schedules is in accordance with the manufacturers programme as given in the manufacturer`s Maintenance Planning Document(MPD) and duly adopted by DGCA.

(d) and (e): The Federal Aviation Administration of USA who are the regulatory authority of aviation industry in USA have issued type certificate for Boeing 737-200 series aircraft manufactured by M/s Boeing Company. The type certificate certifies the technical proficiency of the aeroplane. Alliance Air operate these series of aircraft.